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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY

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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
(PUBLIC AFFAIRS)**

SUBJECT: Movie Film Entitled "Satellite Control"
Produced by the Lockheed Missiles and
Space Company

REFERENCE: BYE-25051-64

Your attention is invited to the attached memorandum from the Acting Director, Central Intelligence Agency, concerning a movie film entitled "Satellite Control" produced by the Lockheed Missile and Space Corporation in cooperation with the 6593rd Test Wing. The 2 January 1964 agreement referred to is my memorandum to you of that date captioned "Washington Post Article dated 8 December 1963" (BYE-22362-64).

I feel that the recommendations of Acting Director, Central Intelligence Agency, with respect to this matter are appropriate and certainly consistent with the provisions of DOD Directive 5200.13 which states: "...the details of all DOD military space programs, including identification, mission, scope, capability, payload, launch, control and recovery operations, and results are classified." It is requested therefore that this film not be approved for public release.

Pursuant to paragraph 4 of the attached memorandum, I am instructing the Commander, Air Force Systems Command, by separate communication, to raise the security classification of the film from Confidential to Secret.

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Brockway McMillan
Director
(S) National Reconnaissance
Office

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By separate memorandum I am advising the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) to suppress public release of this film. In accord with paragraph 4 of the attached memorandum, you are requested to take such action as is necessary to raise the classification of the film from Confidential to Secret.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director
National Reconnaissance Office

SUBJECT : NRO Film Processing

1. The NRO now depends on the Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester, New York, and the Air Force Special Projects Processing Laboratory in Westover, Massachusetts, for processing of the film produced by most NRO programs. According to the memorandum of understanding regarding processing and reproduction of photography signed on 11 August 1962, the Eastman Kodak covert processing facility under CIA is to be utilized for processing all original negative materials, some film duplication, and R&D of new processing techniques for both laboratories. Westover is to be "utilized to produce duplicates for distribution to users."

2. In connection with the FY 1965 NRO budget review, it is necessary that this policy be reaffirmed or modified by joint agreement so that we can comment properly on your budgetary proposals. We have inquired several times about this area, but have received no clear response. This causes us some concern in view of your proposed annual report to the FFIAB which makes little distinction between the two facilities. We note further that an operational readiness inspection is to be held at AFSPPL in January, 1965, to demonstrate its capability "executing 'womb-to-tomb' processing of CORONA production at the earliest practicable time." Your several references to the "excessive" overtime at the Eastman Kodak facility is another indication that you may be proposing to recommend reconsiderations of the original distribution of responsibilities between EK and AFSPPL.

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3. I therefore request that you brief the NRO Executive Committee at your earliest opportunity, and subsequently appropriate members of my staff, on your plans and proposals for utilization of the two film processing facilities.

(Signed) JOHN A. McCONE

John A. McCone
Director

cc: Deputy Secretary of Defense

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overtime at the Eastman Kodak facility, is another straw in this wind. Such incidents suggest that you now have reason to reconsider the original distribution of responsibilities between EK and AFSPPL.

3. Rather than infer your views on this important matter, I desire that you brief CIA on your plans and policy for utilization of the two groups at your earliest convenience.

Marshall S. Carter
Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy Director

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